

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-11, 15-17, 27-29, 32-38, 40-47, 50, 52-53 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-6, 9-11, 15-17, 27-29, 32, 35-38, 40-47, 50, and 52 (and it is understood dependent Claim 53) are allowed. By virtue of this response, Claims 46-47 have been cancelled and Claims 33-34 have been amended. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 33-34 and 46-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Woodruff (US 4,466,196).

In response, Claims 46-47 are canceled without prejudice and Claims 33-34 are amended to be dependent on allowed independent base Claim 9.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, all pending claims in this application are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 549242002200.

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